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REMARKS

Claims 10-14 and 18-21 are pending. Claims 10, 12 and 14 have been amended.


The proposed amendments have been made in accordance with the discussion with the Examiner during a telephonic interview on November 19, 2003.

Support for the amendments made in claims 10 and 12 can be found in the original June 1993 specification at page 12, lines 10-15; page 14, lines 15-20; page 9, lines 4-12; and page 10, lines 1-11. The support for new claim 21 is found at page 10, lines 1-11.

As discussed with the Examiner, although these amendments broaden the coverage of the claims, the amendments make more clear the fact that all claims are fully supported by the original June 1993 application. As a result, the rejections made by the Examiner in the office action mailed on November 4, 2003 are moot and inapplicable.

The Examiner is requested to consider these amendments after final as no further search is required and the issues are fairly simple. It is believed that the application is in a condition for allowance and such action is earnestly sought. If the Examiner perceives of any reason why the application should not be allowed, she is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at (203) 575-5646.

Respectfully Submitted,


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